

Notes from Staff Meeting with Blue Ribbon Commission – 4/16/13

Present from (former) Blue Ribbon Commission: Erik Taylor, John Poindexter, Carol Robbins

Staff Present: Carter Terenzini, Donna Kuethe, Dan Sturgeon, Donna Tatro

There were about 10 members of the community present.

Carter called the meeting to order at 6:30 and explained that this was a presentation to the BRC to see if the work done on revising and establishing a footprint for a gymnasium, program space, office space and storage space worked on by Recreation Staff was on target with the vision the BRC had when it made its report (April 8, 2011). Carter indicated that public comment would be allowed.

Carter explained the process to come up with the footprint and Donna Kuethe went through the footprint explaining each area, approximate square footage and dimensions, approximate number of people that could be accommodated in each space and the programs that would be held in each space.

Comment from the BRC:

John Poindexter suggest we did not need the “walking track” as a specific design feature and that there might be sufficient room around it once the design (think MCA) was locked in. He also suggested that we hire an architect to do a sketch.

Erik Taylor thought that there may be a little more “program space” than he had envisioned. He had questions with respect to how the proposed gym playing space compared to Central School and the Academy and questioned the Multi-Purpose Room.

Carter asked if, other than the thoughts of revisiting the multi-purpose room and the size of the playing area for the gym and allowance for a walking area around the outside of the gym was the BRC comfortable that the building program was consistent with and in line with their thoughts. Carol Robbins felt it was and stressed the importance that the facility not be obsolete upon opening. John and Erik felt that overall it was a good job and in line with their thoughts.

From public comment we will also check into whether or not the facility can be attached to the school to allow for more shared use. We will also develop a grid showing the estimated number of people in each class/program and the number of programs that would be going on simultaneously/concurrently to go with the estimated program space square footages.

We wrapped up about 7:35

Next Steps: Review the program as indicated, decide on architectural sketch, present an FYI to Recreation Advisory Board